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Of the references listed on the attached 1449 Form, German Patent Nos. DE 195 41 648 and DE 196 00 234 are not in English. Applicant has provided English abstracts of the German patents from Derwent Info Ltd.

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Applicants respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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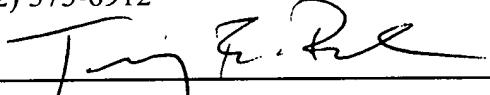
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